

*September 5, 2010*

## *K-Group Questions*

- 1. What is significant about the word 'betrothed' that Luke uses to describe Mary and Joseph's relationship?*
- 2. Why was it important for Luke to write that Joseph was 'of the house of David'?*
- 3. Describe the sovereignty of God in the events recorded by Luke in chapter 1:26-38.*
- 4. What are the differences between Gabriel's announcement to Zechariah and his announcement to Mary?*
- 5. Describe at least five characteristics of Joseph that made him a godly adoptive father. What challenges does this text represent as we live in a culture of death? How will you respond in obedience to these challenges?*



## **Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God**

*What is implied in God being our God? It is comprehensive of all good things. He is our strong tower, our fountain of living water, and our salvation. It implies the sweetest of relations. He is our Father who tenderly cares for us, and never dies. God says 'You are mine', and the soul answers; 'Lord, I am yours; all I have is yours!' Consider the misery of those without God as their Father. What a sad condition in the hour of distress! A sinner without God will get by while his health and estate lasts, but when these crutches are broken, his heart must sink. During the flood the waters came to the valleys, and the people went to the hills. The waters came to the mountains, and they climbed the trees. Aye, but the waters rose above the trees, and all hope was gone. So it is with those who do not have God as their Father. What a privilege to have God as our God! What a happy condition when nothing can hurt you! If one loses his name, it is written in the book of life. If he loses his liberty, his conscience is free. If he loses his estate, he owns the pearl of great price. If he meets a storm, he has a harbor; God is his God, and heaven is his heaven. If God is our God, our soul is safe. It is hidden in the promises, in the wounds of Christ, and in the decrees of God. If God is our God, then all that is in God is ours. How happy is he who not only inherits the gifts of God, but inherits God himself! In his wisdom, he is ours to teach us, his power shall support us, and his mercy shall save us. God is an infinite ocean of blessedness, and there is enough in him to fill us. He gives us peace in trouble, and when there is a storm without, he will make music within. The world gives trouble in peace, but God gives peace in trouble. He loves us, and we are the 'beloved of his soul' (Jer. 12:7).*

**- Thomas Watson**

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*Please enter reverently and silence all communication devices.  
Parents with crying children may use the conference room.*

**Preparation for Worship**

*“Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord,  
for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”  
Zechariah 2:13 (ESV)*

*Prelude to Worship.....Amelia Kelly  
Glen Harper*

*Chiming of the Hour*

*Worship in Music .....Melissa Patterson and Brandon Watson  
Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul  
Kevin Twitt*

**Invocation**

*“Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!  
Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.”  
Psalm 85:4-7 (ESV)*

*\*Call to Worship..... At the Cross (page 188)*

*\*Scripture Reading..... Psalm 68:1-10*

*The Lord’s Supper*

**Adoration**

*“For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.”  
Psalm 97:9 (ESV)*

*Hymn..... There Is a Fountain (page 196)  
\*Before the Throne of God Above (page insert)*

*\*Scripture Reading..... Luke 1:26-38*

*Worship in Tithes and Offerings.....Amelia Kelly  
Glen Harper*

**Exposition**

*“And when Paul had seen the vision,  
immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia,  
concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”  
Acts 16:10 (ESV)*

*Pastor Jess Smith..... Luke 1:26-38*

**Consecration**

*“Flee from sexual immorality.  
Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,  
but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.  
Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,  
whom you have from God? You are not your own,  
for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”  
I Corinthians 6:18-20 (ESV)*

*\*Hymn of Commitment.....My Faith Has Found a Resting Place  
(page 405)*

**Benediction**

*“But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”  
II Peter 3:18 (ESV)*

*Offering for the Poor*

*Postlude.....Amelia Kelly*

\**Congregation please stand*